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My dear Mrs. Gray

My son & I are collecting as far as possible the letters written by my father, Dr. J. Lapham of Milwaukee. I have taken the liberty of asking you if any of his letters to Dr. Gray have been preserved, & if so whether we can have access or copy of them.

We have a great number of Dr. L's letters to Asa, Torr, with various others to Dr. Gray would make a very valuable and interesting botanical correspondence.

I send by same mail an article in the N. A. which I think may be interesting to you.

I hardly feel that I am writing to an entire stranger in the name "Gray" has been a household

word since we were [illegible]
collecting beans with Father, one
one of my pleasant memories is
of the days my mother [illegible]
with you at Harvard some years
ago.

Yours truly
Mary Louise Adams

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MJ.